

MINUTES – Alfred Village Board of Trustees Budget Meeting

February 2, 2023

Present: Mayor Prophet, Deputy Mayor McClain, Trustees Ninos, Field and Guild; Chief Griffith, DPW Superintendent Tom Costello, Deputy Clerk Masters

1. **Meeting Opening** – Mayor Prophet opened the budget workshop at 8:00 a.m.
2. Trustee McClain shared the following:
 - a. A review of where we are in the budget process.
 - b. Revenue from water usage is down this year from projections. As more data comes in, we will be able to see where we are at for the year.
 - c. Considering exceeding tax cap this year.
 - d. We may need to dip into the reserves for the shortfall.
 - e. At the next budget meeting, we will review individual lines of the budget.
3. DPW Superintendent Tom Costello reviewed his budget requests. Discussed that the skid-steer was worth at least \$20,000 if sold. Water meters will eventually transition to drive-by. Discussed that he would like a DPW website using PCMag.com Freelance Web Design.
4. Chief Griffith reviewed the Police budget requests. Mentioned that there is only a 5-year warranty on vests. Discussed Police website using PCMag.com Freelance Web Design.
5. Mayor Prophet brought up the need for a raise for board members for the next fiscal year. Trustees from \$103.33 to \$206.66, Deputy Mayor from \$200 to \$300, and Mayor from \$500 to \$650 per month. She also mentioned the need to spend available ARPA moneys for needed Village of Alfred improvements.
6. Deputy Masters mentioned that the payments on the John Deere Tractor and bonds should be included in the budget.
7. **Meeting Adjourned – A motion was made** and seconded by Trustees Ninos/McClain to adjourn the budget meeting at 9:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Masters, Deputy Clerk